

## SUNSHINE COLUMN

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### FROM SUNSHINE HEADQUARTERS.

#### Two Sides of It.

There was a girl who always said  
Her fate was very hard;  
From the one thing she wanted most  
She always was debarred.  
There always was a cloudy spot  
Somewhere within her sky;  
Nothing was ever quite "just right,"  
She used to say, and sigh.

And yet her sister, strange to say,  
Whose lot was quite the same,  
Found something pleasant for herself

In every day that came.  
Of course, things tangled up sometimes

For just a little while;  
But nothing ever "stayed all wrong,"  
She used to say, and smile.

So one girl sighed and one girl smile  
Through all their lives together;  
It didn't come from luck or fate,  
From clear or cloudy weather.

The reason lay within their hearts,  
And colored all outside;

One chose to hope and one to mope,  
And so they smiled and sighed.

—Selected.

#### The Pike as a Press Woman Saw It.

The woman of the Press started out to see the Pike, at least, all that could be seen in two days. All week the pass into the Pike attractions had been burning great holes into her pocket till it seemed that nothing short of the great Hale's Fire Extinguishers could effectually extinguish the flame. But she had stayed with the Association from the two hours wait for the opening Francis's speech till the very last ballot was cast and the National Editorial Association president proclaimed, "We are adjourned." Now to compensate herself for her curiosity sacrifice, she was going "to do" the Pike. She had just been dying for the hour to come, and it had come. She was going to see that Pike from the Naval Display to the dancing girls in "Mysterious Asia."

The mysteries of the Orient have an unwritten charm and the camels mildly unconscious eye as seen through the open gates, had a hypnotic influence compelling to farther explorations, so the Press woman, like most of the Pike-seers, did the "mysterious" first.

"Holy Moses, fine camel, good camel," seductively and reassuringly said his master.

"Take a ride?"

Oh, no. Not for worlds, even if Abraham, Isaac and Jacob were thrown in.

"Ride Be-de-le-ah," persuasively said a voice at her elbow. A little burrough stood at her side, and was certainly reassuring as to size, but pshaw! One can ride a meek dejected donkey any day! But camels?

After all Moses was the meekest man who ever lived, wasn't he? His namesake certainly looked very gentle. It wasn't the ride after all that was alarming. It was the getting

there. There came dimly floating through the Press woman's mind some childhood's instructions about Moses "going up into a high mountain," but to mount upon Moses seemed to her as equally venturesome. Still the straight cushioned seat hid the formidable hump, and was alluring, and all the little dangling stirrups and straps inviting. After all, there was nothing to fear. One must be venturesome to be a Press woman. Suppose she tried. And she did.

Way up in the air, looking down at the children below, as Holy Moses soberly strode for at least thirty yards, was fine, and as he made the turn for the home stretch, wasn't dreadful at all. It was nice. Face turned homeward, and Holy Moses made for the promised land of his cushion near the entrance at his own gait. Wha, Moses, Whoa! Her hat went flop-flapping, and her spine ditto! If they would only flop together, but when she went up the hat was just coming down with a thump; when she went down, the hat pins tore her glory crown in the hat's wild efforts for a balloon ascension effect.

But at last Moses has reached his cushion and stopped, and she can get off. Will she? Yes, she will. Hold your straps now, a lunge forward, a roll backward as Moses drops on his front knees, like the plunging of a ship in a choppy sea as he drops down on his hind legs. Also a feeling near your solar-plexus similar to that you experienced on your first voyage on the big briney. And somewhat pale around the gills, the Press woman steps off, or tumbles off, into the arms of the Press man near, to whom she hysterically ejaculates, conundrum: "Why do they call the camel the ship of the desert?" And looking into his inquiring eyes, indignantly says: "Don't you know? Well I do." And scorning to throw a search-light on such a transparent semi joke, she clasps her hand, not over her heart, just a little lower, "dawn't yer know," and turns to see the dancers. So glad to be on ground again, but also glad that "Holy Moses" has been interviewed and ridden. Go again?

May be—some other time.

After all, its good for your liver.

#### The Inevitable.

I like the man who faces what he must

With step triumphant and a heart of cheer;

Who fights the daily battle without fear;

Sees his hopes fall, yet keeps unfaltering trust

That God is God—that, somehow, true and just

His plans work out for mortals; not a tear

He sheds when fortune, which the world holds dear,

Falls from his grasp—better, with love, a crust

Than living in dishonor; envies not,

Nor loses faith in man; but does his best,

Nor even murmurs at his humbler lot;

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